

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, March 24, 2008, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Doug Mood, Vice Chairman
Brad Molnar, Commissioner via telephone
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Ken Toole, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Brian DeKiep and Bryan Baldwin, Utility Division

(103) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Organization of MISO States (OMS) comments to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) – Discuss comments by OMS on the Midwest ISO's recent filings:

Commissioner Molnar moved that Montana agree to and participate in the OMS comments to FERC on the topic of Ancillary Services Market reference price with respect to the Independent Market Monitor and delegate to Commissioner Jergeson the authority to field any amendments that may be offered during the OMS board meeting. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jergeson moved that Montana agree to and participate in these comments to FERC by OMS on the Alternative Revenue Sufficiency guarantee cost allocation methodology and Commissioner Jergeson be delegated the authority to handle any amendments that are offered during the meeting today. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGESON, Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Vice Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

KEN TOOLE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the

Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, March 25, 2008, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Doug Mood, Vice Chairman
Brad Molnar, Commissioner via telephone
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner

Commissioner Toole was absent but left his proxies with Commissioner Jergeson.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Utility Division

(104) In the matter of N2008.3.21-Qwest Corporation. On March 7, 2008 Qwest Corporation filed for Commission approval a Multi-State Agreement between Qwest and Edward D. Jones & Co., L.P.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Multi-State Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Edward D. Jones & Co., L.P. in Docket No. N2008.3.21. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(105) In the matter of N2008.3.23-Qwest Corporation. On March 10, 2008 Qwest Corporation filed for Commission approval a Multi-State Agreement between Qwest and Progressive Casualty Insurance Company.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Multi-State Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Progressive Casualty Insurance Company Docket No. N2008.3.23. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Eric Eck, Utility Division

(106) In the matter of 97.11.219-NorthWestern Energy. On March 7, 2008, NorthWestern Energy filed its semi-annual true-up Advice Letter pursuant to Order No. 6035a.

Commissioner Mood moved to recommend that the changes in the Fixed Transition Amount charges be approved effective April 1, 2008. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Dave Burchett, Utility Division

(107) In the matter of D2007.9.107-Montana Dakota Utilities Co. On March 11, 2008, Montana Dakota Utilities Co. asked for Montana Public Service Commission permission to waive Section 2a of its Rate 88 tariff that specifies that the gas tracking adjustment be implemented on a bills rendered basis.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve as requested. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(108) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of March 17, 2008.

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of March 17, 2008. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jim Paine, Legal Division
Kate Whitney, Administrator
Utility Division

(109) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2008.2.17-Commission investigation of Qwest apparent noncompliance with Order 5535g (post-retirement benefits other than pensions). Commissioner Raney moved to grant Qwest's request for a two-week extension for a response in Docket D2008.2.17. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan, Legal Division

(110) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2007.7.82-In the matter of NorthWestern Energy's Application for approval for Authority to Establish Increased Natural Gas and Electric Delivery Service Rates;

Commissioner Raney moved to grant NorthWestern Energy's Motion for Protective Order covering forecasted Montana financial data concerning NorthWestern's expenses for the years 2008-2012. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Bryan Baldwin, Utility Division

(111) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Organization of MISO States Comments to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding expansion of MISO membership to additional market participants (Module F) and additional comments as needed;

Commissioner Jergeson moved that Montana oppose the OMS comments unless major revisions are made to the discussion of Part 2 of Module F and oppose the OMS comments on Part 3 of Module F and further that Commissioner Jergeson be delegated authority on amendments and footnotes. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(112) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of FY 2008 Travel Budget Allocation;

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the in-state, out-of-state reallocation as presented by staff, and approve Al Brogan's travel to the NARUC attorney's Conference. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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